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From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Navy Support Facility Diego Garcia

Subj: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICY STATEMENT

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5100.23 Series  
(b) OPNAVINST 5100.12 Series  
(c) OPNAVINST 5100.25 Series

1. Department Heads, supervisors and mentors, you need to lay the right foundation for Safety. I want you to take charge and ensure safety is ingrained in our daily decision-making process. Emphasizing Operational Risk Management (ORM) and leading by example may mean the difference between life and death of your shipmates. Whatever you do, ask yourself what can go wrong and what you can do to prevent it from going wrong. ORM works and saves lives, honest answers to these questions will help you avoid adversities and allow you to work safely on the job and enjoy off-duty activities.

2. Identification of causal factors and preventive measures is necessary to prevent recurrence of a similar mishap. References (a) through (c) provides guidance for the implementation of a safety program in your workplace and recreational facilities. Supervisors must ensure that approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is provided to personnel and that wearing of PPE is enforced at all times. Ultimately training is the backbone of a good safety program. Supervisors will ensure personnel are provided adequate safety indoctrination and work-specific training. As such, attendance at safety training evolutions is mandatory.

3. I am also concerned with off-duty safety. It's a fact that recreational water-sports and other outdoor activities produce injuries. In knowing your limitations, preparing beforehand and awareness of the hazards involved in your activity, however, will mitigate these risks. Safety is everyone's responsibility and hazards can be eliminated only if you do your part and take corrective actions as soon as safety hazards are identified. Do it for yourself, your family, friends and the Diego Garcia Team.

4. This statement shall be disseminated to all hands and posted on safety bulletin boards. For further information, contact the Regional Safety Officer at 370-3302.

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